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Bill 69 (2017) Fire Safety

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- 1. This is not an "emergency"- As of first reading the City Council did not have an actual count of how many buildings would be impacted by this Bill and historically how many fire and fire-smoke related deaths have occurred in non-sprinklered residential high rises. Absent the data the Marco Polo fire was either a horrific accident or a tragedy- but not an "emergency".
- 2. The mayor's cover letter says this "may cost unit owners a few thousand dollars to install"- this is irresponsible and simply not true. Moving this Bill forward with a lowcost estimate assumption is going to cause a great deal of harm to your constituents.
- 3. Building Code- 2006 IBC is the current building code for Hawaii. The City and County tried to adopt 2010 IBC and abandoned those plans for 2012 IBC and is still working to adopt 2012 IBC as of today- in 2017. This is because code is complicated and far reaching. Each one of you is moving forward on mandating renovation work drafted on language that is used for commercial NOT residential buildings.
- 4. The late Senator Inouye was a resident of our building. The secret service and security advisors must not have thought our non-sprinklered building to be a risk, because it is not. We have 4 fire hoses and 4 fire extinguishers on every floor in a single loaded, 100% concrete building. We have 24/7 security that walks the entire building - every floor- day and night. We test the alarms as required and our parking garage is fully sprinklered.
- 5. Any mandated retrofits and associated work should not be 'banked on' as a revenue generator for City & County. Regardless of the final form of this Bill all work related to this bill should be exempt from the GET.

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